tried een year A RED CROSS "IMMORTAL CLARA BARTON died nearly tw years ago—two years before World War came—but sue is ar America's immortals. She owes twenty the is among immortality to the enduring institu-tion which she founded fifty years ago. It is hardly conceivable that the American R as long as the American Red Cross will not live servill not live sential in the life of a people enjoying individual liberty. Taking as its model the Red Cross organized in Europe for relief in war, it has become the greatest agency in the world for giving succor in peace. When Miss Barron in s BARTON in 1881 was con-ith the objection that we likely to have any more called attention to great fronted with were not likely wars, she called national unforeseen disasters-emer ncies which there was no national local organization ready to meet gencies or local organadequately. This extension adequately. This extension scope of the Red Cross has given it a unique place in the world.

It is of interest to read what she wrote just fifty years ago about the tardiness of the United States in their nations to mintardiness of the United States in agreeing with other nations to minister to those in distress, whether friend or foe: In 1869 there were twenty-two nations in the compact [for neutralizing battlefields after the battle and making the persons of surgeons and nurses flying to the relief of the wounded and dying free from arrest]. There are now [1881] thirty. * * * If the United States of America is diligent and fortunate, we may perhaps come to stand number thirty-two on the roll America is diligent and te, we may perhaps of and number thirty-two on civilization and humani stand the roll of humanity. Thanks to her zeal and the ever-widening horizon which the guidance of other leaders and the service of hundreds of thousands in all parts of the world have been given the Red Cross, America now takes the lead in this movement of mercy. HENRY P. DAVISON'S plan for linking the national organizations into a League of Red Cross Societies has been realits Red Cross ized and peace has around the world. Its vital principle is recognition of the duty of the many, whether in the community or the State, to bring re-lief to those upon whom disaster has y descended—and the neces-being ever ready for such noies. As the founder of suddenly sity of As emergencies. the institution which has furnished America, and through America the world, with a channel for voluntary gifts and skilled medical, nursing and social service, she deserves the which has furnished and social service, she deserves the lasting memory which she is assured. She and JULIA WARD HOWE stand out among the American women of their period. The latter sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic to inspire the men who fought—a modern Deborah. The other, moving among the battle's wounded and dying, became the prophetess of a min-istry which will be needed even when wars cease altogether—of a volun-teer service in peace which is the a von price of a free society.

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